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TO: South Gate Employees  
On-Site Contractors and Vendors

SUBJECT: Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986

This letter serves to inform employees, on-site contractors, and vendors of the South Gate Plant that the facility does contain materials identified by the State of California as causing cancer and/or reproductive harm.

For compliance with the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, also known as Proposition 65, "... employers using any chemicals listed by the State of California as causing cancer or reproductive harm are to communicate this information to their employees."

Signs with the following statement are posted at the entrance of the South Gate Plant and strategically throughout the plant:

"WARNING: This facility contains one or more chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or reproductive harm."

California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6

The list identified by the State of California includes numerous chemicals. We are aware of eleven (11) of these materials within the plant. Even though their presence is of a minor degree, the warnings are required. Materials identified include:

1. Asbestos in old thermal system insulation (TSI) and underlying tile layers and mastic.
2. Lead in old paint on the walls.
3. Diesel engine exhaust from the Distribution Center yardgoat.
4. Chewing tobacco and cigarette smoke.
5. Vinyl chloride resins used in Commercial and Residential Tile production.
6. Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) in old transformers and light ballasts.
7. Mercury in light fixtures.
8. Crystalline silica found in Ultrasorb absorbent material.
9. Gasoline engine exhaust
10. Trace amounts of arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, chromium VI, and lead found in pigments.
11. Benzene, formaldehyde, and carbon monoxide from propane and natural gas combustion.

Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Safety and Health Specialist for the South Gate Plant at 213/562-7262.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James D. Bosserman".

James D. Bosserman  
Plant Manager